In the Claims:

1.(currently amended) A method of deactivating an allergen from the mite species Der f1 or Der p1, the method comprising the step of:

dispersing into an airspace an allergen-deactivating amount of an allergen-deactivating compound, said compound ~~(hereinafter the "deactivant"), the deactivant~~ being provided in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion comprising at least 8%weight of a deactivant ~~(wt. deactivant/wt. emulsion)~~, said emulsion ~~and~~ being dispersed into the airspace as a vapour.

2.(currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the allergen-deactivating compound ~~deactivant~~ is dispersed into the airspace over a period of at least 30 minutes.

3.(currently amended) A method according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 1 ~~or 2,~~ wherein the dispersal is aided by heat applied to the emulsion.

4.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any preceding claim,~~ wherein the allergen-deactivating compound ~~deactivant~~ is selected from:

a terpene hydrocarbon;
a citrus oil;
a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
oil of jasmine;
frankincense;
oil of bergamot;
oil of lemon grass;
or a component thereof.

5.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any preceding claim,~~ wherein the allergen-deactivating compound ~~deactivant~~ comprises a terpene hydrocarbon.

6.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any preceding claim,~~ wherein the allergen-deactivating compound ~~deactivant~~ comprises β-pinene.

7.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any preceding claim,~~ wherein the allergen-deactivating compound ~~deactivant~~ comprises orange oil or a component thereof.

8.(currently amended) A method of deactivating an allergen at a locus, the method comprising the step of providing ~~The use of~~ an oil-in-water emulsion ~~in deactivating an allergen at a locus, the emulsion comprising~~ an allergen deactivant present in a concentration of 10-15% wt./wt. of emulsion, and heating the said emulsion with a heat source ~~being used~~ to accelerate the vaporization of the deactivant.

9.(currently amended) An allergen-deactivating oil-in-water emulsion comprising at least 8%weight of a volatile deactivant ~~(wt. deactivant/wt. emulsion),~~ wherein the deactivant is selected from:

a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
oil of jasmine;
frankincense;
oil of bergamot;
oil of lemon grass;
or a component thereof.